

Summit Talking Points

Goal: Recruit, Prepare & Retain Teachers

What is a “highly qualified” teacher of Agricultural Science Education?

- What strategies should be used to recruit young people to be teachers of Agricultural Science Education?
- How should educators be prepared to meet the needs of a model program of Agricultural Science Education?
- What specific pre-service programs are needed to prepare and enhance highly qualified educators in Agricultural Science Education?
- What strategies should we use to enhance professional development opportunities?
- What strategies should we use to retain highly qualified teachers of Agricultural Science Education?

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Goal: Program Enhancement & Expansion

What is a “model program” of Agricultural Science Education?

- What should be the subject matter content in a model program?
- What do students need to know about agriculture, food & natural resource systems?
- What is the role of “problem-solving” (inquiry based learning) in a model educational program in agriculture?
- How can Iowa expand programs in agricultural science education?
- What strategies should we use to increase programs and enrollment in these programs?

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Goal: Marketing & Promotion

What is an “aggressive marketing strategy” to promote programs in Agricultural Science Education?

- How should educational programs in Agricultural Science Education be marketed?
- What specific steps must be taken to develop and promote a new image of the agriculture, food & natural resource system in Iowa?
- How can school districts, community colleges, universities, agribusinesses, organizations, parents and other stakeholders work together to enhance educational programs in Agricultural Science Education?
- What role does elementary and middle school education have in helping other stakeholders shape a new image of the career opportunities in the agriculture, food & natural resource system?